

PICKLERS OF TRANSIT GIVE POOR EXCUSE FOR INACTION

In Endeavor to Delay Improvement They Resurrect Suggestion of "Sewage Plant First," Long Forgotten.

Scheme to Prevent an Early Election on \$30,000,000 Loan Issue at Last Evolved, but the Attempt Fails to Have the Desired Effect.

Councilmen, Beware!

A warning to Councilmen, with special reference to the Finance Committee, John P. Connelly, chairman, has been issued by Transit Director Taylor. It is the Finance Committee which has held the \$30,000,000 transit loan election in "pickle" since January 7.

In his warning, which came last night in an address before the Business Science Club, Director Taylor said:

"These men, moved by subtle influences subtly asserted, are going to suffer."

"They cannot thwart the development of rapid transit."

"I know the temper of the people. They cannot thwart the will of the people."

"We are going to have rapid transit!"

"I contend it is absolutely indecent for your wives and daughters to travel, packed in like sardines, with the sort of kind of men."

"If you men are willing to stand it, remember that you owe something to your wives and daughters, the wives and daughters of your friends."

"Do you want to keep your city a city of individual homes or let it become a city of tenements and slums? With 30,000 people coming in each year it's up to you to say."

A committee of 25 was appointed to attend the next session of Council and insist authorization for transit election to be given at once.

This began a movement which was followed today by other organizations. Indications now are that Council's meeting will be packed on the next gathering day by aroused citizens.

But Council as a body cannot act until the loan election measure is reported out of Finance Committee, where it is in "pickle."

Connelly's home is at 238 Fairmount avenue. His home telephone number is Market 2049, Bell.

His law office is in Room 1526 Land Title Building. His business phone numbers are Spruce 6543, Bell; Race 1736, Keystone.

Council's Finance Committee is preparing to take a new course in its campaign of delay against the special election for \$30,000,000 to give Philadelphia a modern high-speed system of subways and elevated lines as evolved by Transit Director Taylor.

The clouded intricacies of Philadelphia's municipal financing are to be injected into the clear-cut issue of whether Philadelphia shall borrow \$30,000,000 for transit or remain as at present, years behind rapid transit development of other cities.

Argument is to be advanced with the power of the Republican Organization oratory behind it that other projects fully as urgent as transit development are awaiting fulfillment and will maintain portions of the city's borrowing capacity.

"SEWAGE FIRST" THE MOTTO.

The projected \$40,000,000 sewage disposal system, over which the Organization forces have concerned themselves but little in the past, will be declared a pressing need to divert attention from the transit plan.

Wide extension for Philadelphia's water supply system will be as vigorously advocated by the Organization leaders as a means of calling attention to the fact that the borrowing power of Philadelphia has a limit.

Chairman Connelly will call a meeting of his Finance Committee probably next week. It is rumored that in a \$3,000,000 bond issue to be floated this spring an item will be included for construction of the central city loop of Director Taylor's projected Broad street subway.

The rumor, even though likely to be authenticated by the action of the committee, is denounced as a further effort to divert the real issue of the \$30,000,000 loan issue for transit. Even though such an item is included in the councilmanic plan, it is asserted that the funds would not be made available for work this summer and the insincere action would be taken merely to delay public indignation and the demand for transit. The committee will take no action on the big

The obstructing attitude of Council's Finance Committee against the \$30,000,000

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FOUND DEAD IN HIS SHOP

Several pet canaries and a parrot, perched against the windowpane of the shoe shop of Casper Miller, at 13 North 33rd street, today attracted the attention of pedestrians, who made an examination and found the proprietor of the place to be a dead man.

The body is at the Morgue, and if the police cannot find the man's relatives he will be buried in Potter's Field. Miller was 46 years old. He died of heart

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STARS WHO WILL APPEAR IN GAMES TONIGHT



BERRY



KAUFMAN



LIEBERMAN



JACK

GOOD LIST OF ENTRIES IN MILITARY GAMES

Pick of Local Runners Entered in Quarter-mile Event.

There will be 12 starters in the quarter-mile scratch run at the First Regiment indoor games this evening in the armory, Broad and Callowhill streets. The calibre of men entered in this event should make it one of the best quarter-mile races seen indoors for quite some time. Doc Steele, of Germantown; Billy Lauer, of Mercury; Joe Hainey and Gillen, of Meadowbrook; Harry Dorsey, unattached; Ferguson, Kaufman, Schrader, Jack and Laugen, of the University of Pennsylvania, and M. J. B. McDonagh, of West Branch Y. M. C. A., are entered.

In the special 1000-yard run Dewey O'Brien, of Victoria; J. Lieberman, of Mercury; Neering, Humphreys, Huston, Brooks and Morris, of Pennsylvania, with Herbert Otto, a former Northwest Boys' Club star, will vie for the special prizes in this event.

In the running high jump the University of Pennsylvania has entered 14 of its best men, including Thibault, the former Haverford College crack; Killa, Turner, Royce, Warren, Waite and Hopkins.

CZAR HALTS FOE IN DASH TO SPAN RAWKA RIVER

Germans' "Barrel Bridge" Destroyed by Slav Fire and Three Companies Wiped Out.

Desperation marks the German assaults in Poland. Three companies of Infantry, leading a dash across the Rawka River, were annihilated by the Russians, after a passage of the stream had been effected over a "barrel" bridge. From the west bank the Rawka the Germans are shelling the Russian lines with 16½-inch guns.

The crucial battle for mastery of the seven-mile front continues with unabated fury. The reverses on the Borzhom-Goumline line have not lessened the violence of the German attacks.

The Russians have crossed the Bura to the west bank at its junction with the Vistula and by a flanking movement here and frontal attacks elsewhere are manifesting a determined counter-offensive.

Only artillery duels are reported from the western battle front. East of the Argonne a German convoy train was destroyed by French shells, and in the region of the Somme a German observation balloon was wrecked.

Forty thousand men have been lost by the Austro-Germans in the eastern war theatre in the last few days, 30,000 of General Mackensen's picked troops in the desperate assaults on Warsaw and 10,000 by the Austrians in the Carpathian passes.

RUSSIANS ANNIHILATE FOE AT RAWKA RIVER BRIDGE

Germans Shell Czar's Lines With 16½-inch Guns.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—Three German companies of Infantry were annihilated by Russian artillery in the fighting on the Skiernewice-Borzhom front, on the Rawka River, after they had crossed on a "barrel bridge" to attack the Russian lines. This information was contained in an official statement issued by the War Office today.

According to an announcement the Germans have massed some of their heaviest guns (16½-inch) on the Rawka front, with which they have been bombarding the Russian lines.

WARSAW ASSAULT COSTS KAISER 30,000 PICKED MEN

Germans' Reverse Severe in Furious Battle on Seven-mile Front.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—Thirty thousand picked troops of General Mackensen's army of 100,000 have fallen already in his desperate assaults upon Warsaw, and the slaughter continues as the Germans today offer stubborn resistance along the seven-mile front to a vigorous Russian counter-offensive.

Having broken the onslaught of seven divisions of Von Mackensen's Infantry in the fighting of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Russians crossed the Bura, at its junction with the Vistula, today, and dislodged the Germans from a bridgehead at Dabkow. It seems apparent that the severe reverses suffered by the Germans on the seven-mile front of Goumline-Borzhom on February 2, 3 and 4 has enabled the Russians to take the initiative.

WIFE, 17, SEES MAN SHOOT HIMSELF AT WINDOW OF HOME

Young Husband, Refusing to Open Door, Smiles at Bride and His Mother and Ends Life in Their Sight.

While his wife and mother stood on the front steps pleading to be let in Oliver Davies, 21 years old, stood in a window above them early this morning and shot himself at his home, 2019 East Lippincott street.

"I can't get work to support my wife, and now she wants to be let in," he said to himself as he fired the fatal shot.

"A few months ago the British Admiralty said he had not received instructions from his Government concerning the German Admiralty order, he declared Germany simply proposes to destroy enemy ships."

This note, addressed to his mother, Mrs. Bridget Davies, 4159 Paul street, Frankford, was clasped in his hand.

Less than a year ago Davies was married. His wife is only 17 years old. When they were married Davies held a good position and had a happy home. When the war started he lost his position.

Last night he and his wife went to visit Mrs. Davies. Several times Davies threatened to "end it all." He returned home shortly after midnight and a few minutes later his wife and mother went to the house, fearing he would kill himself. They rapped at the door and Davies looked out the second story window.

"Please let us in," his wife pleaded. "It is raining hard out here."

Davies held a revolver in his hand. "Wait a minute and you will hear something harder," he said, smiling down at them. Then he deliberately placed the revolver in his temple and pressed the trigger.

The screams of his wife attracted neighbors. The door was broken open. Davies was found lying on the floor dead, with one hand still clutching the revolver and the other the note.

GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Efforts to End Life in Cell Frustrated by Police Matron.

Rosalie Cominsky, a Polish girl only three months in this country, made several attempts to end her life in a cell at the Central Police Station today by striking her head against the iron door and by strangling herself with a shoe lace.

Mrs. Margaret Cooper, the matron, prevented the young woman from ending her life. She was sent to Moyamensing Prison under guard after treatment by a physician.

The girl, who gave her address as Cumberland street, had been held in 420 hall for further hearing by Magistrate Henshaw, on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Policemen Rodgers, of the vice squad, who arrested her at 10th and Market streets last night.

BOY HIT BY TROLLEY CAR

Joseph Wagner, 11 years old, of Oxford and Marston streets, late this afternoon was struck by a westbound trolley car while crossing Columbia avenue between 27th and 28th streets. He was taken to the Northwest General Hospital. Physicians say his condition is critical. James Smith, 215 North 33rd street, the motor-man, who was allowed to proceed with the car, will be arraigned at the 28th and Oxford streets police station.

SAFETY FOR U. S. SHIPS PROMISED BY BERNSTORFF

Blockade of Britain Not Intended to Interfere With American Commerce, Says German Envoy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Germany does not intend to interfere with American commerce by its blockade of the British Isles, according to a formal statement issued today by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. Although he said he had not received instructions from his Government concerning the German Admiralty order, he declared Germany simply proposes to destroy enemy ships.

"There is nothing new in the communication made on February 4 by the German Admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German Imperial navy toward ships of the enemy or toward neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe the proclamation as a paper blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been, since the beginning of the war, the attitude of the navy of all the belligerent Powers toward ships of the enemy."

"A few months ago the British Admiralty proclaimed the closing of the North Sea, the waters of which are neutral. Germany does not profess to close even the English Channel to neutral commerce, and it does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with foodstuffs for the civilian population of enemy countries; it is to be hoped that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the Wilhelmshafen."

"Germany does, however, announce to the world that it proposes to continue to destroy ships belonging to the enemy, and it adds the notification to neutral Powers that, on account of the fact that British ships are employing neutral flags, according to secret instructions now known to have been issued by the British Government, bona fide neutral vessels may actually be in danger."

"Although, according to well understood and universally accepted usages of warfare naval vessels are perfectly justified in destroying merchantmen of the enemy, the German Government now sees fit to issue simply a general reminder to that effect, stating the actual radius of operations of the German submarines. The

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ARKANSAS "DRY" BILL LAW

Governor Signs Prohibition Measure. In Effect Next Year.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 6.—Governor Hayes today signed the prohibition bill passed yesterday by the Senate. Arkansas will become a dry State on January 1, 1916.

Marshall Field, 84, Weds

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Announcement was made at the residence of Mrs. Charles H. Marshall that Miss Evelyn Marshall and Marshall Field, 3d, of Chicago, were married at noon by Bishop Hayes. Miss Marshall has been ill with the grip, and it was reported yesterday that the ceremony might have to be postponed.

2900 "KIDDIES" DESIRE TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS

School Children Signify Intention After Hearing "Billy" Sunday Repeat Impressive Object Sermon.

Again this afternoon "Billy" Sunday made a hit when he repeated his object sermon of last Saturday before nearly 20,000 boys and girls from the Philadelphia schools. When he had finished preaching and asked how many would stand and thereby express their desire to live Christian lives, nearly 2900 of the young people jumped to their feet. Last week a few more than 2900 cards were signed.

Just before closing his sermon, the evangelist said:

"When I get to Heaven I want to meet thousands of boys and girls playing in the streets, who will come up and tell me they accepted Jesus in the tabernacle one afternoon."

While pleading with the boys and girls to live good lives, Sunday said:

"People don't want to learn things until they grow old. That's why you go to school now. That's why you learn to jump and turn somersaults now. I learned to do it when I was a boy and I can do it now. If I'd try to learn now, I'd break my neck. That's why you want to learn to be good and polite and honest now. If you learn to be bad while you're young, you'll be bad when you grow up."

MUST NOT PLAY "FOR KEEPS."

"The Lord doesn't ask you to go around with a long face. He wants you to play and laugh and be happy. But don't play marbles 'for keeps.' That's the devil's way of training you to be a gambler. Don't let him get hold of you now and make it hard for you to be good when you grow up and become men and women."

"Stay away from boys who lie and swear and smoke cigarettes and play hooky from school. They are dangerous and ought to carry the red flag."

The flags of Belgium, Germany and Ireland were the greatest applause when Sunday unfurled flags of foreign countries in teaching the lessons of nations. There was an uproar of cheers and hand-clapping when he waved a large American flag, and the thousands of boys and girls stood and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

"Billy" broke the 10 pretty verses when he had the youngsters name the commandments one by one that the boy broke when he played hooky from Sunday school to shoot marbles "for keeps," while his mother believed him to be a good child.

Previous to the sermon the tabernacle rang with the music of the thousands of children's voices as they sang "De Brewers' Big Horns." "If Your Heart Keeps Right" and other popular revival hymns, under the leadership of Homer A. Rodheaver, Sunday's choir leader.

ADDRESSES MORE WORKERS.

"I am a walking delegate for the Lord." With these words "Billy" Sunday introduced himself to 1200 employees of the Philadelphia Electric Company, who gathered in the finishing department of the plant at 7th street and Lehigh avenue, today to hear the evangelist flay the devil.

Once more "Billy" scored a decisive victory.

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EXPLOSION AVERTED

Police Prevent Disaster by Timely Attention to Accident.

Prompt action on the part of the police prevented an explosion today when an 11-ton truck, carrying 1000 gallons of gasoline and kerosene, sank to the hubs through the asphalt and rested on a conduit carrying 15,000 volts of electricity, on Paschall avenue near 63d street.

The 65th street and Woodland avenue station house communicated with the Philadelphia Electric Company which supplies power to the Brill Car Works through the conduit and an explosion was averted.

At the time of the accident the truck, which is the property of the Gulf Refining Company, had turned into Paschall avenue from 63d street. The police say the street had been weakened owing to heavy rains which made the trench containing the conduit settle. As the machine sank, the driver, John Ghee, of 213 South 21st street, and William Holt, a watchman employed by the company, were hurled to the street.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

Delaware College	—	17
St. John's College	—	19
Chestnut Hill Academy	18	24 — 42
De Lancey School	12	17 — 29
George School	9	16 — 25
West Chester Normal	16	16 — 32
Northeast High School	—	39
Bordentown Military Institute	—	18
Abington Friends' School	3	12 — 15
Swarthmore High School	8	19 — 27
Southern High School	12	13 — 25
Girard College	11	18 — 29
Southern High School, 2d	18	17 — 35
Girard College, 2d	12	11 — 23
Phoenixville H. S.	—	42
Downington H. S.	—	49

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK MEET

McCall School	67½
Belmont School	34
Kenderton School	30½

TODAY'S SOCCER RESULTS

Bethlehem	4	3 — 7
Victors, of Camden	0	0 — 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Victor	4	0 — 4
Hibernians	2	2 — 4

ALLIED LEAGUE

St. Nathaniel	3	0 — 3
Centenary	0	0 — 0
St. Nathaniel Reserves	1	2 — 3
Falls Y. M. A.	0	0 — 0
Pyne-no-Point	0	2 — 2
Bridenburg Rovers	1	1 — 2
Disston	3	1 — 4
Putnam	1	3 — 4

CLUB GAME

Philadelphia	1	2 — 3
Merion	0	1 — 1

BRITISH LINER SUNK

Probably Victim of German Submarine—One Man Saved.

THE LIZARD, Eng. Feb. 6.—A radio-gram from the steamship Poland states that the British steamship London, founded off Penzance, England, last night. One member of the crew was picked up. It is believed that the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Penzance is on Mounts Bay, Lands End, England. It is almost directly west of Cherbourg, France. German submarines have been operating in these waters. Two British ships were sunk off the coast of France within the week.

It is believed that Germany is pursuing its campaign to destroy British commerce and to starve Britain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—At none of the Government Department had any word been received in confirmation of an early rumor that the liner Campania had been sunk by the Germans.

Officials did not explicitly express disbelief of the report, but they did declare themselves ignorant concerning it, and they also question the published statement that it was of Washington official origin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Officials of the Cunard line were without any confirmation today of reports that the Campania, a converted troop ship, had been sunk by Germans in the English Channel. She was a former liner.

LOSS OF LIFE AFTER RECOVERING BOAT THAT HAD DRIFTED FROM MOORINGS.

Russell Thompson, 29 years old, 2405 North 17th street, was drowned in the Schuylkill River shortly after noon today after helping to rescue a launch which had broken loose from its moorings at a boathouse midway between the Queen Lane pumping station and the Falls bridge. The body has not been recovered.

His companion, Joseph Guilfoill, of West Markle street, Roxborough, swam toward the shore and was pulled out of the water by Park Guard Laakey after he and Thompson had clung to their overturned canoe for half an hour.

The two men, seeing the launch drifting downstream, followed it in the canoe and tied it up below the Baltimore and Ohio bridge. Returning to the boathouse their canoe upset in the strong current. They were members of the Wissahickon Yacht Club. Park guards at the Woodford guard house are grappling for Thompson's body.

THE WEATHER

It is not often that the weather minds anybody's business but its own. But by its mood the last few weeks it looks as if it had the people's interest thoroughly at heart. For instance, it is never very pleasant to wait for a car on the corner, but to do so in the middle of a puddle, or with wet, soggy snow flakes pelting down one's neck is an intolerable state of affairs. All of which the weather undoubtedly appreciates. "Maybe," he says to himself, "if I give them enough of that stuff and there is a little more pneumonia and tonsillitis the Finance Committee will understand that a city's health is involved in this question of transit." Anyway, the foggy sky this morning is genuinely indicative of the point of view of a few gentlemen whose names it is not necessary to mention. Are we to catch colds on the way to work or are we to get there comfortably and with the least risk to our health? The present anticipated transit plan or the efficient new one? The weather is justifying the opinion of the majority. Philadelphians merit Taylor's!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair today and tonight. Colder to-night.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

S. A. M.	
Barometer	30.00
Thermometer	52.00
Wind	Variable
Humidity	75.00
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Maximum temperature	52.00
Minimum temperature	45.00

Almanac of the Day

Sun sets	5:24 p.m.
Moon rises	7:03 a.m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Autos and other vehicles

LOST AND FOUND

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